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1. The recent troop movement north through Canton included elements of the 40, 43, 44 and 45 Armies. About 70 percent of the total were from the 40 and 43 Armies. While going through Canton, elaborate security precautions were taken to hide the identity of units and the numbers of troops involved.
2. Also in this move were troops tentatively identified as an element of a unit of the 5 Army\*, although this unit is believed to be stationed in North Szechuan.
3. On 12 July 1950 the following units were still in the Canton area:
  - a. About 7,000 troops of the 45 Army guarding various military installations in Honan (113-16, 23-05) Hsien.
  - b. About 6,000 troops of the 40 and 43 Armies guarding supply dumps in east Panyu (113-26, 23-01) Hsien.
  - c. Two thousand troops of the Hsia Mao (夏茅) Regiment, with 4 x 60 mm mortars, 2 x 80 mm mortars and 3 heavy machine guns, guarding the railroad near Chiangtsun (113-14, 23-17) Station.
4. Two small gunboats and three small armored motor boats are at Champo. The bulk of the supplies of the naval base are being moved to an unknown destination; the commander of the base has moved to Swatow.
5. There are no combat aircraft on Canton airfields, but there are salvage aircraft parts at White Cloud and Tien Ho. Soviet personnel frequently visit the fields, but there are no service or repair facilities nor other signs that use of these fields is planned in the immediate future.

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